

## STATE NEWS.

WOOD W. FLEMING has been nominated for the State Senate by the Conservatives of the 41st District.

The Conservatives of Jackson have nominated James U. Love, Jr., for the House.

The well-known Warren Springs, in McDowell county, are now open for the season.

Rev. J. K. Strickland, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Asheville, died very suddenly on the 24th inst.

The *Messenger* estimates the damage to the cotton crop, in Wayne county alone, by the recent frost, at 1,000 bales.

Heavy rain fell in Goldsboro' on Sunday evening. One or two small houses were laid over.

The Wayne county Conservative Convention recommended Col. L. W. Humphreys for Congressional nomination.

The closing exercises of the Charlotte Female Institute will take place on the 31st inst. Col. H. C. Jones delivers the annual address.

It is said that the present *Pomona College*, at Kitter's Springs, is to be closed and the premises re-opened as a watering place.

The *Messenger* says: Last Sabbath our citizens were favored with two excellent sermons, delivered at the Methodist church, by that eminent clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Daily, of Raleigh, N. C.

A colored boy named Bob McCallum, about 10 years of age, who happened to be sleeping on the track, was run over and killed, on the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad, last Saturday.

The Asheville City has just found out that the *Standard* "can crowd more lies into a small space, and tell them with more unblinking impudence, than any other libelous journal now published."

Stetson is behind the times in this.

Our *Standard* learns that the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Agricultural Society have requested the Hon. Wm. A. Graham to deliver, at a meeting to be held during the coming fair, an address on the life and character of the late Chief Justice Rutledge, who was for seven consecutive years the earnest and efficient President of the State Agricultural Society.

The Railroad meeting, called for tomorrow is likely to be about as useful as the man who was called for and didn't come.

Littelfield and Swenson happen to have business elsewhere. It is true the Warm Springs meeting was adjourned to meet in Asheville tomorrow, to accommodate these gentlemen, and doubtless many of the employees and contractors will come up to get a first-class view of Swenson and Littelfield, but should it happen that they do not particularly troubled about the contractors and employees—what next?

Our disappointed friends may go back to their work, and down in Florida, they will go on building Railroads on North Carolina money. Asheville *Observer*.

It may be safely assumed that Littelfield had but little idea of being present at the above meeting, which was to have taken place last Friday. He passed through here on Sunday, from the South, bound to Washington City, registering himself at the *Pinchell House*, in this city, on *From*.

Supreme Court.—Court met at 9 o'clock A. M., yesterday. Present, Chief Justice Pearson, and Justices Reade, Rodman and Dink.

The Fourth Judicial District was then taken up in regular order, and the following cases were called and acted on as follows:

Daniel McFarland vs. Jas. T. Connell, from Jackson, was continued until next term. Phillips A. Battle, and E. Fuller for the plaintiff, and Robt. Strange for the defendant.

Patrick Murphy Adm'r vs. A. F. Murphy et al., from New Hanover, seconded for plaintiff, Robt. Strange for plaintiff.

Mary Nelson vs. Alexander Blane from Robeson, was called, and left open on account of absence of counsel. W. McLean, and F. A. Bader for plaintiff.

Wm. and L. Vickie vs. D. J. Southern, guardian, from Duplin; left open for report from referee to be continued if report not filed. Geo. V. Strong for the plaintiff, and W. A. Wright for the defendant.

Wm. T. Wooden, Adm'r, vs. Calvin Phillips et al., from Duplin; was called and left open for consideration to-day.

City of Wilmington vs. Henry Litjen, from New Hanover, and put off the docket at the cost of the defendant. No counsel.

William B. Thompson vs. Archibald S. McLean et al., from Robeson, assigned to the end of the docket. Giles Leitch for plaintiff, and N. R. McLean and W. McLean for the defendants.

Walter Crook vs. David S. Cowan, from New Hanover, called and argued. Robert Strange for the plaintiff. No counsel for the defendant.

O. G. Parsley & Co. vs. Nicholson & Williams, from Edgecombe. Order of continuance rescinded, and case put to the end of the docket.

Grady A. Morris vs. Patrick Murphy, from New Hanover, called and put to the end of the docket. Manger London for the plaintiff, and Robert Strange for the defendant.

Gilbert F. Smith vs. James A. Webb, from New Hanover, was called and argued. Manger London for the plaintiff and Robt. Strange for the defendant.

State vs. E. J. Krebs and George F. Kimball, from New Hanover, called and argued. Attorney General Olds and Manger London for the plaintiff, and Robt. Strange and Phillips A. Merrimon for the defendants. This is the lottery case, and involves the right of the North Carolina Real and Personal Estate Agency to dispose of property by lot.

Court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.—*Raleigh Standard*.

We have information that Hon. F. C. Durham, President of the Shelly and S. C. Railroad Company, has sold a large number of the bonds of the company, in New York, for \$500,000. The bonds were endorsed by the S. C. R. R. Company, and this amount will secure the building of Mr. Durham's Road from Yorkville, S. C., to Shelly, N. C., at once. Its extension to Morganton will only be a question of time.—*Charlotte Observer*.

The *Standard* states that J. G. Williams, Col. J. M. Beck and S. D. Pullen have purchased the splendid mansion in Raleigh, known as the Rayner property, for the purpose of establishing a Baptist Female Seminary, and that Dr. Wm. Royal, late professor of language in Wake Forest College, will be the President of the Seminary, which is to be opened at an early day.

## From Our Cincinnati Commercial. AN IMPORTANT LETTER.

Republicanism a Rope of Sand.—Democracy a Compact, Well-Organized Body.

WASHINGTON, June 5, 1870.

The war at an end, the questions of administration revive, and one problem above all others that the Republicans are called upon to solve is whether there remains, after the war is closed and the issues growing out of it are settled, a platform broad enough for the elements the war brought together to stand upon harmoniously. If any exists, the party continues alive. If not, it is dead, and a funeral is next in order.

One can wish and pray for such a common platform. There are so many near and dear associations in the past of the Republican party, so many true friends, so many true hearts in its leaders that we love while living and mourn now dead, that there can be but sorrow over the desolation. The brave acts and bright names of our organization which have passed into history are now the most precious of its brightest pages.

But the fact remains, staring us stubbornly in the face, that unless we can find some code of principles, yet holding us together, immediate and final separation is inevitable.

Turning my back upon what I could wish for and looking with calm, philosophical impartiality upon what is, I am forced to say that there is no more cohesion, beyond mere office holding and public plunder, in the Republican party, than there is in a rope of sand. For one year I have been in Washington, employed as critic on our public men, and put to newspaper record their political acts. I wrote the fact that while the Democracy is a compact, well-organized body, representing certain feelings, the Republican party is a collection of individuals, each of one party only in name—and each leader is the representative of a faction in deadly hostility to some other faction inside the organization. Were a caucus to be called to-day for the purpose of considering any one of the important measures now under consideration, its deliberations would be marked by violent discussions, personal abuse, and every evidence of hate and suspicion, to end in a violent dissolution. No such caucus has been held since I have been in Washington, and no such caucus can be held. The fact is significant that no measure of public interest passes Congress, except as a compromise between the two parties, and the compromise is made through the aid of a Republican minority that secretly rejoices that such measure has yet to be passed on by the people, although in such popular adjudication the result may be the triumph of the Democracy.

In a word, the Republican party in Congress is composed of factions in such antagonistic to each other that the hate among themselves is more intense than that given the Democracy.

If from this unhappy condition of affairs in Congress, we turn to the Executive, the condition is yet more deplorable. At the time when our country needs a statesman, and our party, at least, a shrewd business manager, we have a man whose ignorance and indifference to public affairs excites only contempt. The first time in the history of our Government, the first time in the history of the Republic, has the President standing hand in hand at the doors of the Senate, begging the passage of a job—and begging in vain. In this San Domingo fraud I have not heard a single prominent man offer a word of protest, and the President, in his ignorance, "Gen. Grant," he says, "is a well-meaning man, but he is ignorant as a politician, and therefore liable to be imposed upon by designing men."

The best illustration, however, of what I mean is to be found in the agitation lately experienced over the tariff. Had Gen. Grant and his friends possessed a particle of common sense, or any honest desire to continue the Republican party in power, they would have said that there was a question upon which Republicans honestly differ and yet be Republicans. Therefore let us strive to compromise upon an adjustment that will make some approach to general satisfaction.

But no, the Administration begins by throwing itself into the arms of the prohibitionists, and ends by persecuting the advocates of free trade. This tail end of the Republican party, this little knot of prohibitionists, is the meanest and most corrupt faction with which we are cursed. With Simon Cameron, and his head and water, and the refinement of its society, is of the highest standard of instruction, and is deservedly one of the most flourishing in the State.

On Wednesday afternoon the exercises were begun by the delivery of the annual sermon by the Rev. Mr. Bronson, of Raleigh, which was most eloquent and appropriate, forcibly urging the influence of religion upon the mind.

The literary address to the students was delivered by Col. Wm. L. Saunders, of Chapel Hill, the gallant commander of the late 10th Regiment N. C. Troops. Col. S. commenced by a brief expression of the memories awakened by the occasion, and paid a touching tribute to the memory of his friend and classmate, L. J. Merritt, of this place. Passing on to the more immediate subject of his address, he showed the difficulties the Educational interests of the State have had to contend with on account of the impoverished condition of the people and the incompetence and other failings of the officials having it in charge. He paid his special compliments to the "Cape Cod Pilgrim," and the management of the Peabody fund in this State. Urging the importance of developing the common school system into efficient practice, he contended that the private institutions of learning, nevertheless, would always exercise the greater influence in shaping the political character of the country; and closed with an earnest appeal to parents and pupils to do their full duty in the premises.

The declamations of the students were quite creditable, and much enjoyed by an appreciative audience on each day.

The nineteenth session of the Locust Hill Seminary, of which Rev. R. B. Sutton, A. M. is Principal, closed this week with a most delightful musical soiree, the young ladies looking most beautifully and playing and singing in a manner highly creditable to their instruction. Mrs. A. M. Zimmerman, who has charge of the musical department of the Seminary, any city, and more especially a small village, might well be proud of containing such schools as those with which we are blessed.

On the same day of the commencement exercises at this place, the students of Beaumont Academy, a flourishing school in the western portion of the county, were addressed by our townsman, Mr. H. A. London, Jr.

Schools, both male and female, of a high standard of scholarship are flourishing in every section of this county, and it may well be termed the banner county in the great cause of education. The Charlotte Educational Association, organized more than a year ago, is now in a flourishing condition, is stirring up our people

and awakening them to the importance and advantages of an organized effort in forwarding the work of instilling into the minds of our youth principles of virtue and intelligence. It is to be hoped that similar associations may be formed in each and every county in North Carolina, for there can be no better way of rebuilding the prosperity of our country upon a sure and lasting foundation.

This village has become more accessible to the outer world by the completion, some months ago, of the Chatham Railroad. The cars run daily to that place from Raleigh, a distance of thirty miles; and by the first of December, it is said, will connect with the Fayetteville Road near Jonesboro'. A large number of laborers are now working on the Road between Haywood and Jonesboro', and the bridge over Hay River is being built. With the completion of this Road and the extension of the Western Railroad to Greensboro' all sections of the country can find a ready market for their varied products.

The mine, known to the public, is now being extensively developed. One of the richest and most valuable copper mines in the United States is now being extensively worked in this county. This mine, owned by Franklin Osgood & Co., of New York, opened a little more than a year ago, and already hundreds of barrels of the best copper have been sent North, and about two hundred laborers are employed in working it. Quite a village has been built up around it for the accommodation of the families of the miners, and immense and most valuable pieces of machinery have been brought from the North for the better working of it.

There is no county in the State containing such deposits of iron, copper and coal, as does Chatham, both in quality and quantity, and all we need is an outlet which will soon be obtained by the Railroad before mentioned, as the traffic in iron and coal is now pouring in upon us and a new era of prosperity dawn upon our impoverished people.

So note it be.

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